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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KIMBERLY A. TARBOX**

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Craven, Shekarchi, Solomon, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: January 31, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of  
2   Kimberly A. Tarbox, the beloved wife of James Tarbox for twenty-three years, and the devoted  
3   mother of Lindsey, Samantha, and Jaime Tarbox; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in the City of Cranston, Kim, as she was known by her family and  
5   many friends, was the loving daughter of Edwin and Dolly Sullivan, and the treasured sister of  
6   Kristin Kohn and Kathryn Buehler. She was also the cherished daughter-in-law of Nicholas and  
7   JoAnn Tarbox, the adored sister-in law of Corbin Kohn, David Buehler, Ed Tarbox and his wife,  
8   Kathy, and Stephanie Pamula and her husband, John, and the Goddaughter of Dorothy Flam; and

9           WHEREAS, Raised in Warwick, Kim graduated from Toll Gate High School and  
10   attended Johnson and Wales University. She was employed at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of  
11   Rhode Island until becoming a mother full-time, and had most recently been the owner of ABC  
12   123 Children's Consignment Boutique; and

13           WHEREAS, During her youth, Kim had always enjoyed competition and was a gifted  
14   athlete. She loved baseball and played for the Continental Little League, where her talents  
15   resulted in her becoming the first girl to be drafted to their Major League. At the age of 13, she  
16   was one of only three girls to play for the all-boys Babe Ruth Baseball League. She also played  
17   for Toll Gate High School, Warwick PAL, and later in a women's softball league, and was the  
18   coach of her daughter's soccer and softball teams and team manager for the Bayside Soccer RI  
19   team; and

20           WHEREAS, In addition to her love for her family and creating a warm and welcoming

1 home, Kim developed a passion for Save A Lab, an organization that rescues labs from high-kill  
2 shelters and engenders volunteers to foster dogs and puppies. Through this association, the family  
3 adopted their lovable lab Reggie, and although not adopted through Save A Lab, Roxy was also a  
4 very beloved part of Kim's family; and

5 WHEREAS, At a time in her life when she should have been reaping the rewards of her  
6 life, watching her daughters find their independence, and rediscovering her business acumen,  
7 Kim was diagnosed with cancer. With courage and optimism, she bravely battled her illness but  
8 sadly passed on January 25<sup>th</sup> of 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, Kim's incredible love filled the lives and hearts of her family and many  
10 friends, and her passion and determination in the face of adversity was inspirational. She will be  
11 remembered for her contagious smile, her fun loving spirit, her love of sports, and her recent  
12 passion for Save A Lab, and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
14 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our heartfelt condolences to the entire Tarbox Family on  
15 the passing of Kimberly A. Tarbox; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. James Tarbox, Lindsey Tarbox, Samantha  
18 Tarbox, Jaime Tarbox, and Mr. Ed Tarbox.

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